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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :  
Plaintiff, :  
v. : Case No.  
CLIVEN D. BUNDY, : 2:12-CV-804-LDG-GWF  
Defendant :  
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333 Las Vegas Boulevard, South  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Tuesday, October 23, 2011

Deposition of:

CLIVEN D. BUNDY

a witness, called for examination by counsel for the  
Plaintiff, pursuant to notice and agreement as to time and  
place, at the United States Attorney's Office, Las Vegas,  
Nevada, before Sandy A. Dahlheimer, a Notary Public, where  
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1                   Do you see that, sir?

2           A. Yes, I understand it.

3           Q. Sir, you've seen this document before?

4           A. Yes, I have.

5           Q. Thank you. Sir, that's just simply to establish  
6 we're having a deposition today and here's the document  
7 that lined it up.

8                   Sir, have you ever been deposed before in a  
9 proceeding like this?

10          A. One other time. Yes, I have.

11          Q. When was that?

12          A. It's been several years dealing with a Department  
13 of Transportation, State of Nevada.

14          Q. Anything to do with cattle?

15          A. Yeah, it was.

16          Q. Can you tell us what that was about?

17          A. We had cattle get hit on the freeway, and I was  
18 in there giving deposition on that case.

19          Q. Was this a case brought by the Department of  
20 Transportation?

21          A. No. I was with them. They sued -- or State of  
22 Nevada, I guess, and it was my cattle involved so they sued  
23 me also, and there was a contractor involved. They sued  
24 them so there's a three-way suit with a private, you know,  
25 party suing.

1 Q. I understand. So the "they" that you're  
2 mentioning are the people whose car hit the cattle?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Was this like in a local State Court or District  
5 Court?

6 A. State Court. It was a case, which in the freeway  
7 fence, you know, we have the open range laws, but this was  
8 inside the freeway fence so they had a case against the  
9 State because of, you know, maintenance or our gate wasn't  
10 closed -- that type of thing.

11 Q. About where was this accident? About where did  
12 it happen?

13 A. Probably about mile marker 115, I-15 North.

14 Q. Okay. This was several years ago?

15 A. Yeah. I don't know. At least over ten years ago  
16 probably.

17 Q. Any other depositions, sir?

18 A. That's the only one.

19 Q. I've been deposed myself so it's quite an  
20 experience.

21 Sir, let me go through a couple of basics about  
22 this deposition. First, in a big general way, I want to  
23 talk to you about your cattle operations as a general  
24 subject.

25 When I ask you questions, if you don't understand

1 A. No.

2 Q. Since the year 2000 -- my question is going to  
3 focus from the year 2000 through today -- have you grazed  
4 your cattle on lands both inside the former Bunkerville  
5 Allotment, which you now have characterized here today as  
6 your ranch, as well as lands outside of the Bunkerville  
7 Allotment outside your ranch?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Has that been done routinely over the course of  
10 those now 12 years?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. When you graze your cattle, is there some kind of  
13 a system or methodology that you use with it? In other  
14 words, is it like a continuous grazing operation that you  
15 have out there?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Year round basically?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What I'm going to do here, sir -- let's go off  
20 the record.

21 (Off the record.)

22 (On the record.)

23 BY MR. PETRIE:

24 Q. What I'm going to do, sir, is hand you a map that  
25 we'll mark as Exhibit 4 that was prepared for this case.

1 questions up to this point, if I might express, you know,  
2 you asked me if I run cattle on the Bunkerville -- old  
3 Bunkerville Allotment, and you asked if I run cattle on the  
4 new trespass land, and my answer is yes; then you hand me a  
5 map that is a lot broader in my thinking that I had cattle  
6 so there's a problem there. In other words, I answered the  
7 question before I seen the map. Make that part of the  
8 record.

9 Q. That's a good point, and I appreciate that. I  
10 have an appreciation for that, and indeed where I'd like to  
11 go next -- and I apologize because I can tell as an aside  
12 from your manner, your demeanor, that you feel a little  
13 perturbed like maybe I mislead you. And I apologize  
14 because that certainly was not my intent.

15 What I'd like to do next is what I'd like you to  
16 do is to mark on this map certain things. Okay. To  
17 include your understanding of where you ran your cattle,  
18 that sort of thing. Okay? So that, for example, the map  
19 here is not meant to suggest -- and let's just use this as  
20 an example of my point -- if you take a look at the map,  
21 sir, that we have marked, sir, as Exhibit 4.

22 You see -- if you take a look at where I-15 as it  
23 works its way northeast from Las Vegas how it eventually  
24 intersects into the portion of the map where you see the  
25 new trespass lands being denoted with the hash marks and

1 Q. Okay. Sir, I think you made the statement you'd  
2 like that to be part of the deposition record?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. We'll go ahead and just simply mark it as  
5 deposition exhibit next in line would be 6.

6 (Whereupon, Exhibit 6 was marked for  
7 identification.)

8 THE WITNESS: And I have a copy I've marked to  
9 you. It's presented at deposition October 23, 2012. It's  
10 marked on the paper.

11 BY MR. PETRIE:

12 Q. What we're going to do, sir, is take a blown-up  
13 version of the Exhibit 4 and we'll just call it Exhibit  
14 4-A.

15 (Whereupon, Exhibit 4-A was marked for  
16 identification.)

17 BY MR. PETRIE:

18 Q. What I'd like you to do, sir, is to do a couple  
19 of things. First, take a look at it. Make sure you're  
20 satisfied that it appears to be a larger version of Exhibit  
21 4. And then what I'd like to do from there is to gain your  
22 assistance in having you through a series of marks and  
23 locate and identify for the record those places that --  
24 first, we'll do the farthest south, farthest north,  
25 farthest east, farthest west that you have an understanding

1 that you have grazed your cattle.

2 So take your time and make sure as you compare  
3 the two first.

4 A. Okay. I recognize this as being the same as the  
5 map that has the coding on which indicates that this map  
6 represents several Government entities or owned land and  
7 also cities and Clark County, Nevada -- anyway, several,  
8 most of them being some type of Government agency.

9 With the response that I just basically filed or  
10 gave to you as a deposition, I would say that I have  
11 answered your questions here, I guess, asked and answered.  
12 I've asked -- you've asked about these things and I've  
13 explained what my position is so asked and answered.

14 Q. Is your objection?

15 A. Is my objection.

16 Q. I appreciate that. Let me respond to that.

17 First, I plan as I was mentioning a moment or two  
18 ago to ask you to mark the farthest locations  
19 directionally -- north, south, east, west -- that you have  
20 an understanding that your cattle have grazed. By my  
21 understanding, that's a different question that I've not  
22 asked you before.

23 The closest question that comes to it is a  
24 different question and that question was whether or not you  
25 have since the year 2000, in fact, grazed your cattle

1 outside what you now today call your ranch, which the  
2 Government has understood to be the former Bunkerville  
3 Allotment. Your answer was yes, that indeed you have done  
4 so, and so on the face of it, they're different questions.

5 And further you've also testified here today that  
6 the map that depicts the new trespass lands are larger,  
7 broader than what you had understood; and so by virtue of  
8 this question, it also serves to allow you to, in a sense,  
9 to limit the contours of where you believe that you have  
10 grazed your cattle.

11 So if you could, sir, what I'd like to do is to  
12 start to the north and so what I'd like you to do --

13 A. But my objection here is the fact that this is a  
14 United States map claiming they own this property, and I  
15 claim -- my claim is I do not run cattle on federal land.  
16 I run cattle on -- and I don't mind telling you -- I guess  
17 I'll mark this, but I want this part of the record -- I  
18 will mark this and the end of my statement it will be  
19 Nevada State public land.

20 Q. Sir, I understand your contention, which is that  
21 these lands that are depicted on this map as new trespass  
22 lands that the parties have a fundamental disagreement over  
23 who owns those lands. Okay. You contend it's owned by the  
24 State of Nevada. The Government says no, the United States  
25 owns that land.

1                   Please understand that the act of you labeling  
2 something on this map to show the limits, the outer  
3 contours of where you graze your cattle, is not a  
4 concession by you that the land, in fact, is owned by the  
5 United States. That's something the parties are going to  
6 have to fight over. We're just focusing here in this  
7 deposition on the location, the places where your cattle  
8 have grazed. Does that help?

9                   A. It does to a certain extent. I do not deny that  
10 I'm in the ranching business. I do not deny that I run  
11 cattle on my ranch, and I do not deny that my cattle have  
12 run on what you call new trespass lands. I have -- I don't  
13 deny any of those things.

14                   I did state that this new trespass land is a lot  
15 broader than I feel that my cattle run, but when I start  
16 marking a United States map that's coded like this, it  
17 seems to me like I'm agreeing that that is United States  
18 land, and I'm not agreeing with that.

19                   Q. I understand your reservation. I understand your  
20 reservation, but suffice it to say, one, I've assured you  
21 that you're not making that concession. Second, with the  
22 help of the court reporter, the transcript itself will  
23 reflect that Cliven Bundy said that I am not conceding that  
24 this land denoted as new trespass lands, in fact, is owned  
25 by the United States. You've made that point very clear,

1 sir.

2 And to help us out here just so that the record  
3 is clear, as you place the marks, let's do it  
4 directionally. So as we go to the north as you recall, the  
5 farthest northern most point, let's use the letter "N" and  
6 circle it; and we'll do the same thing for each of the  
7 other directions. East will be an "E;" south will be an  
8 "S;" west would be a "W."

9 A. You sure you want it on this big map because I  
10 can do it on a smaller one

11 Q. Yeah, I'll tell you what. If -- let's -- I think  
12 it makes sense. Let's do it on the smaller map because I  
13 don't see the smaller map getting particularly cluttered.

14 A. You want me to do it with this pen?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. You want a bigger marker?

17 Q. I don't think I have a bigger marker. So if you  
18 could, just circle with the letter for the direction. Now,  
19 wait one second. I've got perhaps an assist coming.  
20 Somebody's got a marker. Okay.

21 A. Ask me the question one more time and I'll try to  
22 do it.

23 Q. Absolutely. What I'd like you to do is to -- let  
24 me propose it this way. What I'd like to do for each of  
25 the directions on the compass -- north, south, east,

1       west -- have you mark that; and then realizing that the  
2       area in which the cattle have grazed will not form a  
3       perfect circle, what I'd like you to do is connecting those  
4       northern and eastern and southern and western most points  
5       then, draw a very -- and I want the record to be very  
6       clear. It's an approximation -- of the total landmass in  
7       which you have an understanding that your cattle graze.

8       Does that make sense?

9           A. Yes, I will try to do that.

10          Q. Okay. Take your time, sir.

11          A. (Witness complies.) Anyway, I'll draw a lot of  
12       lines here quite bold and so we can see.

13          Q. Sure.

14          A. Now, I've started on the northeast corner.

15          Q. That's fine, wherever you'd like.

16          A. Okay. I got myself drawing too broad here. I  
17       might have to start a new map. Hell, it's all right. I'll  
18       go for this where we're at. My problem was I was  
19       thinking --

20          Q. You mind if I come over to your side?

21          A. Yeah, it's all right. I can draw another line  
22       and void that. How's that? How would that be?

23          Q. That would be fine.

24          A. Okay. You see, I was thinking at this point here  
25       and I went through here. I really need to come right down

1 to this point here so I'll pick up a little bit of this  
2 here like this.

3 Q. What you're depicting is on the west side of the  
4 Overton arm?

5 A. Yeah, the Valley of Fire.

6 Q. You know what you could do is just -- yeah.

7 A. Right here.

8 Q. What you might want to do is just draw a squiggly  
9 line all the way through it.

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. Okay. And what we want to do is get this really  
12 clear that this is not the line. I've had better pens.

13 A. That pen is not working very good.

14 Q. Just so the record captures what we're doing  
15 here --

16 A. Okay. Now, here's a big area. See, I'm picking  
17 up a little here. And this is actually was a community  
18 allotment we have in common here, but you got it marked  
19 that way so I'm identifying it that way. This whole area,  
20 as far as I know, I haven't had a cow in it.

21 Q. Just so the record's able to follow what we're  
22 talking about here. First, you were describing how in the  
23 west side of the Overton arm that the line you had  
24 initially drawn coming south from the Valley of Fire State  
25 Park basically ran coterminous with the western side of

1 what the map depicts as the new trespass lands for that  
2 part of the map; and then it then gets close to the bottom  
3 of it; and then it takes a right-angle turn and connects to  
4 the Overton arm or Lake Mead.

5                   And you were saying and have now changed the map  
6 to reflect that no, no, no, that was an overstatement. And  
7 instead what we have now is a diagonal line that runs from  
8 the Valley of Fire State Park in a southeasterly direction  
9 where it now connects to apparently the shoreline of Lake  
10 Mead, the Overton arm. So that is the first line.

11                  Did I state that correctly, sir?

12                  A. Yes.

13                  Q. Then the second thing that you commented on is up  
14 at the north end of the map, north of what would be I-15,  
15 the boundary that you drew showing your understanding of  
16 where your cattle were, that is west of the northern-most  
17 part of the former Bunkerville Allotment, which is part of  
18 what you consider your ranch that there was a community  
19 allotment there within it.

20                  A. Yeah, we run in common there, and that's never  
21 been fenced away or anything.

22                  Q. Just so we're clear about what you're saying, is  
23 that community allotment active today by your  
24 understanding?

25                  A. No.

1 Q. About when did it come to a close?

2 A. I would say in the early '70s.

3 Q. Okay. And then the third item -- and you add to  
4 it if I'm omitting anything -- the third point that you  
5 made is that essentially what would be -- this is a rough  
6 characterization of it -- the northwest part of the new  
7 trespass lands to encompass the area that's north of the  
8 area that's marked as Glendale in white --

9 A. Glendale -- let's see -- Glendale, Logandale, and  
10 Overton.

11 Q. Yes, north of it is land where you do not believe  
12 your cattle have grazed?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. Okay. And so that boundary there is on the east  
15 and appears to be coterminous with the boundaries for the  
16 former Bunkerville Allotment and your land until it gets to  
17 I-15?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Is that an accurate recitation, sir?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. Thanks.

22 A. Now, I'm going to mark the southeast of Lake Mead  
23 that I feel like my cattle have run on the new trespass  
24 lands, and I'll do that right now. That pen --

25 Q. That pen is dying on us.

1 A. It's all right. I think I'll be able to --

2 Q. What we might do is if I could ask somebody to go  
3 to the main office --

4 A. I've got it good enough. We'll scratch it on  
5 there.

6 Q. We really want it -- if you could indulge me here  
7 for a moment, sir, and we'll go off the record. We'll have  
8 hopefully a better marker device and ask you to just  
9 retrace it so it's clear to anybody that looks at it  
10 they'll be able to figure out what you drew there.

11 A. Yes, I'll do that.

12 MR. PETRIE: We can go ahead and go off the  
13 record.

14 (Off the record.)

15 (On the record.)

16 BY MR. PETRIE:

17 Q. Mr. Bundy, we're back on the record. And during  
18 the break, we took steps to address a failing on my part.

19 Lawyer 101 says you have markers that make  
20 bright, delible marks that are easy for all to see; and the  
21 original instrument we used, a red ink pen, was not up to  
22 the task.

23 So what we've done is over that red ink line and  
24 we have asked you and you have retraced that red line with  
25 a black Magic Marker; is that correct, sir?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And, again, just for the record here so that it's  
3 clear, those black lines represent by your understanding  
4 the outer limits of where your cattle have grazed?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. I'm going to hand you, sir, another document.  
7 We'll have this marked as Exhibit 7.

8 (Whereupon, Exhibit 7 was marked for  
9 identification.)

10 BY MR. PETRIE:

11 Q. I think this will look familiar to you.

12 A. Well, I got interested in reading, I guess.

13 Q. Sir, do you recognize this document?

14 A. Well, let me go through it a little bit more.

15 Q. Sure.

16 A. Okay. I recognize at least part of it.

17 Q. Sir, I'm focused specifically on the first page.  
18 Sir, does this document appear to be information contained  
19 on a blog spot that's titled bundyranch.blogspot.com?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Sir, on the first page of this exhibit, there's  
22 an entry that's dated May 12, 2012. Do you see that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And at the bottom of that entry appears to be  
25 your name, Cliven D. Bundy.

1           A.    Right.

2           Q.    Where is the Gold Butte headquarters located?

3           And let's go ahead and mark it again on this map.  We'll  
4           use the black marker and we'll just use HQ to denote that.

5           A.    This thing turned round right here.  HQ?

6           Q.    Yes, sir.

7           A.    (Witness complies.)

8           Q.    Thank you.  And this appears to be located in  
9           what would be the southeast corner of the area that you  
10           previously marked for the outer limits for where you  
11           understand your cattle have grazed; is that correct, sir?

12           A.    Yes.

13           Q.    And that appears to be a portion of the map,  
14           which the Government contends is new trespass lands?

15           A.    Yes.

16           Q.    Thank you.

17           Speaking of the cattle that were grazing, sir, we  
18           talked earlier about how your ranch has employed the use of  
19           brand marks and earmarks, brands and earmarks; is that  
20           right, sir?

21           A.    Yes.

22           Q.    Okay.  Some of the cattle that you have grazed,  
23           are they unbranded?

24           A.    Yes.

25           Q.    About what percentage, if you've got a sense of

1 that?

2 A. On the knoll -- new trespass land, I would just  
3 estimate -- you wanted to know about the branded or  
4 nonbranded now?

5 Q. Nonbranded.

6 A. I would say approximately 40 percent of them are  
7 nonbranded.

8 Q. If -- don't laugh at this question because it's  
9 probably got a very logical answer, but you're fielding a  
10 question from a guy who does not run cattle. For somebody  
11 like Petrie, he goes out there and he comes across one of  
12 your unbranded cattle. Is there anything about the cow  
13 that would tell Petrie that, yes, this cow belongs to  
14 Cliven Bundy?

15 A. Two things, the genetic of the animal and the  
16 herd it was running with.

17 Q. The latter suggesting that, if an unbranded cow  
18 is in the presence of other Bundy marked cattle, there is  
19 pretty good odds it's also a Bundy cow?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. I wasn't clear on that and I appreciate you're  
22 educating me.

23 Sir, and this will revisit an item we were  
24 discussing earlier, but specifically to the new trespass  
25 lands, do you have any kind of fee title to any of those

1 Nevada statute's saying that State of Nevada has as it says  
2 in NRS 321.596 that the State of Nevada has a strong moral  
3 claim to the land?

4 A. A strong moral claim?

5 Q. Yeah. If you actually read the first statute in  
6 that citation, but aside from the strong moral claim  
7 language, I understand that you're saying the effect of  
8 that statute allows you to use, but it's not the same thing  
9 as a lease; is it?

10 A. No, it's not. But it is a form of a lease, I  
11 guess, if I have the rights.

12 Q. Form of an authorization to use it?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. But it's just not the typical lease?

15 A. No, it's not a typical lease between you and me.

16 Q. Okay. I get what you're saying there and I  
17 appreciate that.

18 Sir, do you -- and, again, it's the same line of  
19 questions here -- do you have any authorization from BLM to  
20 use any of the new trespass lands that the Government, BLM,  
21 administers on behalf of the United States recognizing that  
22 you dispute the ownership of it but nonetheless BLM does  
23 carry out activities to administer some of the lands  
24 located within the new trespass? Do you have any kind of  
25 authorization from them?

1 A. No.

2 Q. How about -- the same question but from the  
3 vantage point of Nation Park Services. Do you have any  
4 kind of authorization from National Park Service?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Okay. Let's just take a quick break.

7 (Off the record.)

8 (On the record.)

9 BY MR. PETRIE:

10 Q. Sir, are you aware that the Federal Government  
11 has designated certain portions of the lands out there in  
12 the Gold Butte area as lands where it has designated  
13 habitat for different species to be protected under the  
14 Endangered Species Act such as the desert tortoise and the  
15 southwestern willow fly catcher? Are you aware of that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Sir, do you have any understanding about whether  
18 or not your cattle in the course of their grazing have  
19 sometimes damaged the vegetation and the habitat for these  
20 different species?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Are you aware that your cattle have sometimes  
23 eaten newly planted vegetation in areas, which are trying  
24 to restore the land, the vegetation on it?

25 A. No.

1 A. Could be.

2 Q. Okay. How about 20?

3 A. Could be.

4 Q. 30?

5 A. Could be.

6 Q. How about 50?

7 A. Could be.

8 Q. Okay. At what point would you say definitely no,

9 I don't have 100, or I don't have 200? Any sense of that?

10 A. Well, I probably have near 100 range improvements  
11 on that land.

12 Q. So that we're clear, when you say "that land," is  
13 that the former Bunkerville?

14 A. Yes, the Bundy ranch.

15 Q. Okay. How about same line of questions? I'm  
16 just trying to get a sense of the number for range  
17 improvements in what the government characterizes as new  
18 trespass lands.

19 A. I have none.

20 Q. None? Okay.

21 A. Let me clarify some things that have happened  
22 there that I've had something to do with. For example, if  
23 there's a waterline broke or a water not getting into the  
24 water trough, if I go there, I fix that waterline and put  
25 it in the trough if I can do it. There's been a couple of

1       occasions where I've done that kind of improvement or  
2       maintenance, either way you want to call it; and I do that  
3       for two purposes. I do it for more than two purposes.

4               One, I do it because it does benefit any  
5       livestock or wildlife that's in the area. It's a safety  
6       thing for a human to come along there with a broken car or  
7       something and needs a drink, and it's a waste of a resource  
8       if I can do some kind of improvement. I'll move a rock or  
9       two or build a dam or put a pipeline together all the time,  
10      even if it's on new trespass land.

11       Q.      I understand. Then the waterlines that you're  
12      referring to, are sometimes those waterlines in pipes?

13       A.      Yes.

14       Q.      And you've repaired pipes that were burst or  
15      broken or cracked out there in the new trespass land?

16       A.      Maybe one or two in the sense of fixing it,  
17      putting it into the trough and making sure the water is not  
18      wasted. No type of major maintenance on a waterline have I  
19      ever done in the new trespass lands.

20       Q.      Do you have any understanding as to who placed  
21      the water trough or the water pipeline?

22       A.      Only that the prior ranch owners did that.

23       Q.      Do you have any understanding about whether or  
24      not the pipeline or water troughs that you have come across  
25      in the new trespass lands were placed there initially for

1 livestock purposes or for any other purpose? Do you have  
2 any sense of that?

3 A. It was for livestock and wildlife.

4 Q. I'm not doubting you when I ask this. What's the  
5 basis for your understanding that it was placed there  
6 initially for those purposes?

7 A. The benefit of wildlife and cattle.

8 Q. I'm asking how it is that you know that? Is it  
9 because the person who placed it there told it to you, for  
10 example, or is it just common sense that tells you that out  
11 here in the middle of nowhere it's got to be for that  
12 reason?

13 A. No. Your question is partly yes. That's part of  
14 the reason, but the other part is that I've witnessed  
15 livestock and wildlife using those things, and I know that  
16 they've been improved by man, which I assume the rancher is  
17 the man that improved that. The new trespass land mainly  
18 talks about the Gold Butte area now, not Gold Butte area  
19 but Gold Butte.

20 We're talking about one hundred plus years of  
21 range improvements on that that are still existing.  
22 They're still there, and so the pipelines, the head houses,  
23 the troughs, the trails -- all those things still exist  
24 upon that land even though there's not a rancher there.

25 Q. Okay. Do you have any authorization from BLM or

1 from NPS for any range improvements since the year 2000 out  
2 in the former Bunkerville Allotment?

3 A. No.

4 Q. How about same question since the year 2000, but  
5 in this instance for the new trespass lands?

6 A. No. I could back up a little bit.

7 Q. If you need to, please do.

8 A. Just on temporary use of say trails, say  
9 temporary trails, the Park Service has okayed that type of  
10 action, and I really don't have anything in writing, but  
11 they've provided me with a lock and key to get into their  
12 property and to do those kind of things. And we have put  
13 up a temporary trail and fences and then basically took  
14 them down when they're through. So in other words, I have  
15 done some of that kind of work on that land.

16 Q. Have you placed salt licks on the new trespass  
17 land?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How about placing hay on the new trespass land?

20 A. Only for trapping.

21 Q. Trapping --

22 A. Trapping cattle. In other words, try to gather  
23 those cattle off that land.

24 Q. Have you -- I think you answered this earlier so  
25 I apologize if I'm being redundant. In the new trespass

1 help orient you, I'm going to show you a map that's a USGS  
2 map, and it says BLM 2005 Nevada, Lake Mead, and the scale  
3 is 1 to 100,000.

4 And what I'm going to do is show you a place on  
5 this map that's marked as Mockingbird Spring. You see  
6 that, sir?

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. And then in conjunction with where that's  
9 located, if you can then take a look at Exhibit 4 and get  
10 an idea roughly from comparing the two maps where  
11 Mockingbird Spring would be --

12 A. This is what we call headquarters right here.

13 Q. Yes, sir.

14 A. And Mockingbird Spring -- I don't know where it  
15 is so show me.

16 Q. It's right here, sir. It's to the west of what  
17 you called headquarters, Mockingbird Spring.

18 Do you see the entry here on the USGS map?

19 A. Okay. I can see it. I never know that was  
20 Mockingbird Spring, but now Quail is a little more  
21 familiar.

22 Q. Quail Spring, yes.

23 A. Okay. Ask me what you want to know.

24 Q. Well, the question I had was whether or not you  
25 have used a corral at the Mockingbird Spring site?

1           A. Definitely, no. If somebody's used a corral,  
2 then it must be somebody stealing my cows.

3           Q. Do you know if -- and I phrased the question in  
4 the context of you using a corral. Do you know if there's  
5 a corral there even if you haven't used it?

6           A. No, I don't believe -- in my way of looking at  
7 this map, there's no corral there. Let me see. Well,  
8 Quail, Spring Quail Wash. I know where that is. Quail  
9 Spring.

10           You know, I don't know -- if that's Mockingbird  
11 in the way I'm looking at this, I might have to take that  
12 statement back. I don't know what the name of it was, but  
13 yes, I have trapped some cattle or attempted to trap cattle  
14 there. And if I'm looking at this at Quail Spring Wash, I  
15 know where that is, and I know there's a good corral there.  
16 So I would assume that that's probably a corral that I have  
17 used. I mean, I think I probably used it one time and in  
18 the last say several years to try to trap some cattle  
19 there.

20           Q. And so there, as you think further, that perhaps  
21 indeed there is a corral there that was used?

22           A. Yeah, I think so. Yes.

23           Q. Any idea who put that corral there in the first  
24 place?

25           A. Well, it's prior ranchers. I don't know whether

1                   Now, let's go back to the question. Let's assume  
2 the federal authorities have the authorization to present  
3 themselves on land, whether you call it your ranch or the  
4 former Bunkerville Allotment, or for that matter the new  
5 trespass lands, and they've got the authorization in hand  
6 to remove cattle that belongs to you and they literally,  
7 physically, take the steps necessary to accomplish that  
8 right there and you're standing by.

9                   Are you going to undertake any effort to  
10 physically stop that?

11                  A. Yes.

12                  Q. What efforts would that be?

13                  A. Whatever it takes.

14                  Q. Okay. Would that include -- when you say  
15 "whatever it takes," would that include the soliciting, the  
16 assistance of neighbors, friends, family, supporters of  
17 yours to do whatever it takes in the scenario I just  
18 described?

19                  A. Yes.

20                  Q. Whatever it takes -- well, no. Okay.

21                   Sir, as you know, there was an earlier  
22 proceeding, an earlier case, that the United States brought  
23 against you back in the late '90s, 1998, 1999.

24                   Do you recall that the Court issued an order for  
25 you to remove your cattle that the Court determined were

1 trespassing on the lands that we call the former  
2 Bunkerville Allotment and which you now call the Bundy  
3 ranch? Do you recall that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You never removed your cattle, did you?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Sir, one last question here and we'll let you and  
8 your wife get on with your day. After that topic, whatever  
9 it takes, this is going to be a tame ending.

10 If you would take a look at the answer that you  
11 filed in this case -- and I don't think I have it marked as  
12 an exhibit, and I'll do that right now and we'll mark it as  
13 Exhibit 12. It's the answer that you filed in this case.

14 (Whereupon, Exhibit 12 was marked for  
15 identification.)

16 BY MR. PETRIE:

17 Q. Sir, does that document look familiar to you?

18 A. Yes, I'm familiar with it.

19 Q. It's the answer that you filed in this Court in  
20 response to the Government's complaint, and your answer was  
21 filed on June 4, 2012.

22 Sir, on page 3, if you would, if you'd take a  
23 look at that on page 3, and this touches on something that  
24 at least tangentially we addressed earlier, but there's  
25 another phrase in here I wanted to ask you about.